Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 00032 with the following paragraph:

[00032] The locking mechanism 22 may include a fluid lock holding the locking surfaces 24, 26, engaged. As shown in Figures 3, 5 and 6, the sleeve 30 is in a portion of a piston bore 83 of pressure piston 14, forming a fluid locking chamber or cavity 69 between sleeve 30 and a wall of pressure piston 14. The fluid locking cavity 69 is vented by a venting device that includes moveable element 38. The movable element 38 is in a bore 15 of pressure piston 14 (see Figures 3, 5 and 6). The movable element 38, shown as a multi-diameter shuttle pin, is responsive to apply side fluid pressure ASP and/or release side fluid pressure RSP and vents fluid from cavity 69 (see Figures 3, 5 and 6) externally to the pressure piston 14. Cavity 69 is more fully discussed later herein.

Please replace paragraph 00059 with the following paragraph:

[00059] The second end cap 44e of actuator 10A is configured differently than the second end cap 44b of the embodiment of actuator 10. Instead of the clevis-~~type~~ 46 mounting configuration of actuator 10, actuator 10A includes a side-facing mount 46a with four openings 46b to secure actuator 10A to a rail vehicle (not shown).